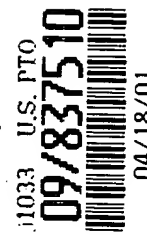


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 1999. Please amend the Application as follows:

In the Claims:

✓  
Please cancel Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-18.

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Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) An electronic data processing method for administering a financial product having a known number of shares over a predetermined period of time, which financial product is traded as a security the price of which is determined on the basis of information about one or more securities, comprising:

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- a) directing a computer processor to select from said one or more securities a selected portfolio of securities based upon a predefined criteria [the risk/return performance of which over a predetermined period of time is superior to a predefined benchmark performance];
  - b) receiving information on each of said one or more securities in the selected portfolio in an electronic data format;
  - c) storing at least the received information on each security in the selected portfolio in a computer memory;